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Dear Izzy,

May it be a good omen that the mail was so atypically fast?

Leonard Boudin phoned me last evening. When he had no reluctance in speaking openly I told him briefly of the Minutemen taking credit for their man, Grathwohl, otherwise known as also an FBI informer, for causing the Wilkerson explosion and that these Minutemen records are among those I have already deposited at the university where all my records will be a public archive.

Although he told me he would be in touch again and would then ask about the history of the records of which that is part, as I thought about it last night I believed it best to give him that in writing now. The clippings add much. Unfortunately, they are far from complete, but the others are available, as I've informed him.

I was reluctant to make suggestions to so great a legal mind and performer, although my experiences with lawyers leads me to the belief few are good investigators. But a picture of Grathwohl is an essential, for if Wilkerson or others can make identification, the possibilities of usefulness increase greatly.

The copies are probably too poor for your eyes, but I'll send you a set if you want them. Larry Grathwohl, according to the Minutemen, was their man. He penetrated the Wilkerson group and taught them about explosives, with unstable mercury so what did happen would happen. He also was an FBI informer.

If Boudin wants to seek FBI records I can be of help to him. I can probably identify the numbers under which they'll be filed and where there may be copies not at FBIHQ, as well as there. I can probably anticipate many of the lies they'll tell, even in court.

If the Wilkerson lawyer is able, perhaps with this he can work something out that would be of future use to Boudin and his Kathy. There is time before sentencing.

There was a special part of the Washington Field Office that handled such matters. It may have been referred to as the auxiliary office. At least one special agent grew disenchanted, quit and went public. As I recall his name it is Wall. I think it was Paul Valentine who did a long interview with him and located him where he'd moved.

If by any chance Boudin wants Forer to talk to me and he comes here, I hope you will come with him because there is much I've forgotten and some I don't remember easily any more. You might think of questions he wouldn't.

My circulatory impairments are going and coming, veins and arteries, and from head to toes. So I never drive out of Frederick any more. I go to Washington by bus, with the service poor and inconvenient, or with others driving a car I rent. I can't afford much of that because our only regular income is Social Security.

I'm a special enemy to the FBI. In 1967 they decided they had to "stop" me, their word, and they've been trying hard since. After I was first taken ill I managed to get 200,000 pages or so of their records and despite recently renewed stronger efforts I'm still getting them. The end of 1977 and early 1978 they had a crew of six lawyers in DJ assigned to me and my FOIA cases.

I also won a waiver of fees for copying, but the FBI cancelled that the first of the month. Means a new fight and one that wastes me. Ordinarily DJ does not stand up to the FBI. Those who stand up don't last long.

I look forward to what I believe Boudin can do with what I've given him.

Thanks and best wishes,

P.S. The Washington friend to whom I gave the research for the book on informers has since become a lawyer. He is J.H. Lesar. He lives at 1231 4 St., SW, 484-6023 and has his office with Bud Fensterwald at 2102 L St., NW, 203, phone 223-5587.